

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state, Minnesota.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data. Rarely, has the public trust been so betrayed!!

Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

My community has already had an excellent local station taken over by Fox news and attention to local news and events has been ruined. Solid investigation reporting has been replaced by sensationalized trash and hype. The new media consolidation rules the FCC has proposed are the absolute worst actions it has ever suggested taking with public airwaves. I want an official hearing in my state before you rewrite media ownership rules. Objective news and information are the life-blood of any democracy. Do NOT proceed with the new ownership rules!!!

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